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DUE 5 P.M. FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2013

REGISTRATION FORM

YOUNG REPORTERS CONTEST

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTICIPATING REPORTER

Name of the author: _____ Age: _____

Current grade in school: _____ School: _____

This contest is open to middle school, high school and college students.

Teacher: _____ Email: _____

Adult/Guardian: _____ Relationship: _____

Work/Day Phone: _____ Email: _____

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I, (print name) _____, being the parent or guardian of the above-named minor, hereby consent to and join in the foregoing release and consent on behalf of said minor. **Guardian's signature** _____

Pledge of Originality: I declare and avow that the work(s) I am submitting to the Guam EPA as part of the Guam Environmental Education Committee's Young Reporters Contest is my own original work.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

- Submissions must be emailed, post marked, delivered or faxed no later than 5 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2013.
- Submit entries in person or email
 - Guam Environmental Protection Agency
 - Mariner Ave - Tiyan
 - Email: TammyJoAnderson.Taft@epa.guam.gov

IF YOU WIN

- All winners will be contacted via email.
- Winners will be emailed an invitation to the Earth Day 2013 Awards Ceremony at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 20, 2013. The actual placement of winners will not be revealed until the awards ceremony.
- Prizes will be announced during the Awards Ceremony.

DOES YOUR ENTRY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Please note - your contest entry will not be considered unless it includes the following along with this form

- ☐ Registration Form - *Must be signed by student participant and adult*
- ☐ Contest rules and information form - *Must be signed by student participant and adult*
- ☐ Entry (written article, photographs or video) - *Submitted via email, fax or in person*

DATE
SUBMITTED

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION YOUNG REPORTERS CONTEST

I, _____, as parent or guardian of the minor (or self if 18 years or older) _____, a participant in the Guam Environmental Protection Agency and Environmental Education Committee's Earth Day 2013 contests, understand the following:

SUBMISSION INFORMATION (WRITTEN, PHOTO OR VIDEO ENTRIES)

- **ARTICLE SUBMISSION:** The article must be about Guam's environment and issues pertaining to island sustainability. It must be written in a journalistic style, with scientific content. It must be clear and succinct (one 8.5x11 page preferably), in English. The quality of writing and spelling is important. The judges will pay attention to the objectivity of the article i.e. is reporting fair and balanced? The judge will appreciate any effort to illustrate articles (with one photograph, drawing, graph, etc). Enriching the article with information provided by multiple sources is encouraged.
- **PHOTOGRAPH SUBMISSION:** It is possible to submit either a single photograph, or a photographic series/essay of up to 6 photographs. Photographic entries must be accompanied by a title (preferably of no more than 140 characters) and a short caption of no more than 150 words to explain the link with sustainability in Guam and/or a solution to the problem and/or issue. **Photographs must be submitted digitally** as .jpg, .png, .tif, or .gif format, ideally converted into high-quality .pdf, with a resolution of not less than 150-300 dp via email to tammyjoanderson.taft@epa.guam.gov. The technical quality of the photograph (light, quality, composition ect) will be considered by the judges. The judges will also pay attention to the quality of the accompanying text and its scientific content.
- **VIDEO SUBMISSION:** Videos must be no more than 3 minutes long and in documentary or reporter/interview style. A video must be accompanied by a title (preferably of no more than 140 characters). The format must be compatible with YouTube, i.e.: MPEG2, WMV, MPEG4, MOV, AVI, or via link to an already uploaded video. Necessary permissions, e.g. for photographing children are the responsibility of the author and must, therefore, be sought and obtained by the author.

CONTEST RULES

- All works submitted must be original work and must be from students in middle-high school or college.
- The student's name, age and school should be included on the work itself, along with the registration form.
- There is no charge to enter this contest, and students may enter as many times as they like. However, a separate entry form must be completed for each submission. An article may be submitted with one photograph but not with video. Video, or multiple photographs will be considered separate entries and must have a separate entry forms.
- Teachers or facilitators may send entries from their classes in one envelope (or several, if needed). Each student may also submit his or her entry separately.
- Submissions become property of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency and the Guam Environmental Education Committee. Through submission of the work, contestants and their legal guardians grant nonexclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted, which will not be returned.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Judges will assign scores to each entry based on the following questions. 1) Does the article/photo/video have structure and cover who, what, where, when, why and how? Does it have a strong storyline? Is the entry well-composed? 2) Does the entry exhibit fair, balanced and objective reporting? Does the piece use real and credible sources and represent multiple sides of an argument before offering a potential solution? 3) Is the work informative and well-researched? 4) Is the work original in style and independent in view?

I have read and understand the contest rules and information presented here.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____